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Dry Edible Beans

UTAH: Production of dry beans in Utah during 2004 was 26,000 hundredweight (cwt), up 10,000 cwt from last year. Utah dry bean growers harvested 5,200 acres in 2004, the same number of acres as 2003. Average yield of 500 pounds per acre is up 190 pounds per acre from last year.

UNITED STATES: Dry Beans: U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 18.7 million cwt for 2004, down 12 percent from the August forecast and 17 percent below last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.25 million acres, 4 percent below the August forecast and down 7 percent from last year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,495 pounds per acre, a decrease of 144 pounds from the August forecast and 177 pounds below last year. Planted acres are estimated at 1.37 million acres, an increase of 1 percent from earlier forecasts but a 2 percent decrease from 2003. Since August, production forecasts have decreased 32 percent in Minnesota, 30 percent in North Dakota, and 13 percent and 2 percent in Wyoming and Idaho, respectively. Michigan's production forecast is virtually unchanged. The decreases in Minnesota and North Dakota are due mainly to early frosts in mid-August that severely damaged the crop. In North Dakota, only 35 percent of the crop was fully podded when the frost occurred. Some fields were unable to be harvested because of the damage. North Dakota and Minnesota producers expect to abandon 70,000 acres and 15,000 acres, respectively, mostly due to the early frost. Heavy rains have also added to the reduced production in these 2 States.

Production is expected to be lower than last year in 11 of the 18 producing States. All 11 States with lower production are harvesting less acres than last year, while 7 of the 11 also have lower yields than in 2003. Texas production is down 52 percent and Nebraska and Kansas

are both down 34 percent. North Dakota and Oregon producers expect a reduction of 31 percent and Minnesota producers expect a 30 percent decrease. New Mexico production is down 25 percent, New York 21 percent, Wyoming 20 percent, California 7 percent, and Wisconsin a 2 percent decline. In Michigan, optimal growing conditions in September overcame the summer's below normal growing degree days. Harvest was ahead of normal by the end of September. In Nebraska harvest is moving slowly with yields below average. Growers in California have begun harvesting blackeyes and the crop is in good condition. Harvest in Wyoming is behind the 5 year average and the quality of the crop is below last year. Overall weather conditions in Texas have been good for dry beans but some losses were reported due to hail damage. Production in Idaho increased 9 percent from last year due mainly to a summer with less severe heat than last year. In Colorado, the weather was generally favorable with adequate water throughout the growing season, resulting in a 9 percent increase in production. Production in Washington is up 16 percent from last year due to an increase in acres and yield.

U.S. Corn for Grain Production

Corn production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, up fractionally from last month and 8 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 149.4 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from August and 7.2 bushels above last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. The previous record for both was set last year when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 142.2 bushels per acre. Yields are forecast at record high levels in all Corn Belt States, except Minnesota and Wisconsin, as weather conditions have been mostly favorable throughout the growing season. However, brief periods of freezing temperatures in the northern Corn Belt and adjacent areas of the Great Plains raised concerns about the crop being able to fully develop before a killing frost occurs.

Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) in August 2004, at 5 million pounds, was down 22.5 percent from August 2003 and down 7.2 percent from July 2004. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 2.4 million gallons, up 27.8 percent from August 2003 and up 13.8 percent from July 2004.

UNITED STATES: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 712 million pounds, 1.7 percent above August 2003 and 0.6 percent above July 2004. **American type cheese** production totaled 297 million pounds, 0.8 percent below August 2003 and 2.0 percent below July 2004. **Butter** production was 88.9 million pounds in August, 25.4 percent above August 2003 but 2.5 percent below July 2004. **Hard ice cream** production at 73.7 million gallons, was down 4.7 percent from August 2003, and down 6.4 percent from July 2004.

Manufactured Dairy Production - August 2004 with Comparisons						
Product	Utah			United States		
	Aug 2003	Jul ¹ 2004	Aug 2004	Aug 2003	Jul ¹ 2004	Aug 2004
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese	6,397	5,338	4,956	700,132	707,884	712,150
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	1,900	2,133	2,428	77,382	78,759	73,739

¹ Revised.

Onion Production

UTAH: The 2004 onion crop is forecast at 650 thousandweight (1,000). This is down 21.5 percent from last year's crop and down 38.1 percent from the 2002 crop. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 1,300 acres, 500 acres less than 2003 and 800 acres less than 2002. Yield, at 500 cwt per acre, is down 40 cwt per acre from last year but the same as 2002.

UNITED STATES: Summer storage onion production is forecast at 54.9 million hundredweight, up 11 percent from last year. Storage onion harvested area is forecast at 109,250 acres, up 2 percent from 2003. California production, at 11.8 million hundredweight, is 5 percent below 2003. Harvested area is expected to be 27,500 acres, down 11 percent from last year.

Onions: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield Per Acre, and Production, by Season, State, United States, 2002-2003 and Forecasted 2004									
Season and State	Area Harvested			Yield Per Acre			Production		
	2002	2003	For Harvest 2004	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
AcresCwt 1,000 Cwt		
Spring									
U.S.	33,700	31,200	35,300	284	304	323	9,561	9,496	11,387
Summer									
Non-Storage									
U.S. ¹	21,800	21,700	22,400	495	512	448	10,792	11,113	10,036
Storage:									
CA ²	28,200	30,800	27,500	410	405	430	11,562	12,474	11,825
CO	11,000	9,600	11,500	400	385	450	4,400	3,696	5,175
ID	9,800	9,800	10,800	640	600	700	6,272	5,880	7,560
MI	3,900	3,600	3,700	230	320	300	897	1,152	1,110
MN	250	210	150	310	310	300	78	65	45
NY	12,300	11,900	12,000	230	320	400	2,829	3,808	4,800
OH	470	380	400	260	320	350	122	122	140
OR									
Malheur	12,000	12,200	13,000	650	590	600	7,800	7,198	7,800
Other	7,300	6,900	8,000	530	470	520	3,869	3,243	4,160
UT	2,100	1,800	1,300	500	460	500	1,050	828	650
WA	18,000	18,000	19,000	560	570	580	10,080	10,260	11,020
WI	1,900	2,000	1,900	280	345	325	532	690	618
Storage Subtotal	107,220	107,190	109,250	462	461	503	49,491	49,416	54,903
Total Summer									
U.S.	129,020	128,890	131,650	467	470	493	60,283	60,529	64,939
All Onions									
U.S.	162,720	160,090	166,950	429	437	457	69,844	70,025	76,326

Milk Cows and Production: By State and United States, Preliminary July-September, 2003-2004

State	Jul-Sep Milk Cows ¹		Jul-Sep Milk Production ²		Change From 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	18	17	53	52	-1.9
AK	1.2	1.2	4.4	3.9	-11.4
AZ	155	162	770	848	10.1
AR	28	26	79	73	-7.6
CA	1,693	1,733	8,768	9,124	4.1
CO	100	103	545	546	0.2
CT	22	21	99	95	-4.0
DE	8.0	7.0	31.0	28.8	-7.1
FL	140	138	470	508	8.1
GA	85	84	319	319	
HI	6.5	5.9	22.6	19.6	-13.3
ID	411	430	2,266	2,358	4.1
IL	110	107	482	476	-1.2
IN	152	150	730	717	-1.8
IA	200	191	924	876	-5.2
KS	110	115	505	555	9.9
KY	113	110	333	341	2.4
LA	42	37	109	103	-5.5
ME	35	34	157	156	-0.6
MD	77	73	294	282	-4.1
MA	18	17	79	74	-6.3
MI	304	302	1,639	1,580	-3.6
MN	472	465	1,995	1,984	-0.6
MS	30	27	87	80	-8.0
MO	128	121	430	436	1.4
MT	18	18	87	89	2.3
NE	63	61	268	256	-4.5
NV	26	25	123	122	-0.8
NH	16	16	74	75	1.4
NJ	12	12	52	49	-5.8
NM	317	330	1,664	1,709	2.7
NY	671	655	2,965	2,907	-2.0
NC	60	56	243	241	-0.8
ND	35	34	137	134	-2.2
OH	260	266	1,103	1,138	3.2
OK	81	77	319	307	-3.8
OR	120	120	555	574	3.4
PA	570	560	2,507	2,465	-1.7
RI	1.3	1.1	5.3	4.6	-13.2
SC	18	17	64	63	-1.6
SD	82	81	332	341	2.7
TN	78	76	270	270	
TX	320	320	1,283	1,412	10.1
UT	90	88	405	418	3.2
VT	147	145	649	645	-0.6
VA	112	104	401	415	3.5
WA	244	237	1,412	1,353	-4.2
WV	15	13	56	51	-8.9
WI	1,254	1,240	5,568	5,504	-1.1
WY	3.7	4.2	13.0	16.0	23.1
US ³	9,073	9,033	41,746	42,194	1.1